(in lakh tonnes)

Year	Quantity of rice allotted to Andhra Pradesh during the last 3 years
1988-89	8·60
1989-90	12·25
1990-91	21·33
1991-92	15·42 (October-July)

Import of Foodgrains and Sugar

285. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imported foodgrains and sugar during the year 1991-92 and in the current year;

(b) if so, grain-wise and yearwise details thereof;

(c) how much sugar has been imported or exported; and

(d) what necessitated Government to import foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The Government have not imported wheat, rice and sugar during 1991-92. During the current year also there have been no imports of these commodities so far. However, the Government have signed a contract with Canadian Wheat Board for import of 10.05 lakh tonnes of wheat for shipment during mid-July—mid-September, 1992.

(c) 5.07 lakh tonnes of sugar were exported during 1991-92. During the current year (upto 30-6-92), 0.98 lakh tonnes of sugar have been exported.

(d) Some balancing import of wheat became unavoidable due to factors like fall in production of foodgrains especially coarsegrains during 1991-92 as compared to the production during 1990-91 with consequent imbalance in demand-supply, lower level of procurement of wheat during 1991-92 and 1992-93 marketing seasons and the consequent need for building up stocks in the Central Pool for maintaining supplies in PDS and achieving food security.

Procurement of wheat

286. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target set for procurement of wheat during current year State-wise;